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BY-LAW NO. 163.

For Preventing Vice
and Immorality

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County of Middlesex.

(PASSED 30th JANUARY, 1868.)

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By-Law No. 163,

As Amended by By-Law 218.

Whereas, it is necessary for the suppression of Vice, Intemperance, Immorality, Sabbath-breaking, and other immoral and indecent acts, that they be prohibited within the Corporation of the County of Middlesex; therefore the Corporation of the County of Middlesex enacts as follows:

1st—That any person or persons selling or giving any intoxicating drink to a Child or Apprentice, or a Servant, being a minor, without the consent of his or her Parent, Master or Legal Protector, in this Corporation, shall, for each such offence, forfeit and pay a fine of not less than One Dollar, or more than Twenty Dollars, with costs of prosecution.

2nd—That any person or persons who shall expose or post up indecent placards, writings or pictures, or shall write indecent or obscene words, or make indecent pictures, figures or drawings on walls or fences, in any Highway or Street, or in any other public place, in this Corporation, shall for such offence forfeit and pay a fine of not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars, with costs of prosecution.

3rd—That any person or persons who shall be found in a state of intoxication, or be guilty of profane swearing, obscene, blasphemous or grossly insulting language, or other immorality or indecency in this Corporation, shall, for each such offence, forfeit and pay a fine of not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars, with costs of prosecution.

4th—That any person or persons keeping a Gambling House, or place, or being found guilty of gambling or playing at Cards, Dice, or any other game, for money or other valuable consideration, or for any other stake or wager whatever, in this County, at such Gambling House, or place, shall for each offence forfeit and pay a fine of not less than One Dollar, nor more than Twenty Dollars; and any one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in this County, on information, are hereby authorized to order any peace officer to seize and destroy Faro Banks, Roughe-et-Noir, Roulette Tables, or any other devices for gambling in this corporation, with costs of prosecution.

5th—That any person or persons found guilty of Vagrancy, or going from place to place, without any visible means of support, and who cannot give a satisfactory account of themselves, or who shall be found drunk and disorderly in any Street, Highway, or public place in this Corporation, shall for such offence forfeit and pay a fine of not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars, with costs of prosecution.

6th—That any person or persons found guilty of indecent exposure of the person, or other indecent exhibition of himself or herself, or shall be guilty of any act which openly outrages decency, or is injurious to public morals in this County, shall for each such offence forfeit and pay a fine of not less than One Dollar, nor more than Twenty Dollars, with costs of prosecution.

7th—That any person or persons who shall be found guilty of bathing or swimming in any public place, whereby the public exposure of their person may be obnoxious to public morals, or outrage decency, shall for each offence forfeit and pay a sum of not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars, with costs of prosecution.

8th—That any person or persons making any unnecessary and improper noise with instruments of music, horns, gongs, tinpans, or otherwise, on the public Highways, or engage in what is commonly called Charivaris, to the annoyance of any person, shall be fined for each offence a sum not less than One Dollar, nor more than Twenty Dollars, with costs of prosecution.

9th—That any person cutting down, or otherwise damaging, or destroying any shade tree, or shade trees, upon any Highway, except by the authority of the Council of the Township wherein said shade tree or trees may stand, or by the authority of the Path master, in whose Road Division said tree or trees may be, shall for each offence forfeit and pay a fine of not less than One Dollar, nor more than Twenty Dollars, with the costs of prosecution.

10th—That all complaints for contravention of the foregoing provisions of this By-Law shall be summarily disposed of by any one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace having jurisdiction, on the evidence of one competent witness, and in default of payment of any fine and costs imposed under this By-Law, or for want of goods and chattels to distrain, the offender may be committed to the Common Jail of the County of Middlesex, for any term not exceeding Twenty Days.

11th—That any person or persons keeping a House of Ill-Fame, within the Corporation of the County of Middlesex, or who shall aid and abet in keeping the same, either by his or her attendance at such place, or otherwise, for indecent, immoral or wanton purposes, shall for each such offence forfeit and pay a fine of not less than One Dollar, nor more than Fifty Dollars, with costs of prosecution; and in default of payment of any fine and costs imposed, and for want of goods and chattels to distrain for the same, the offender or offenders may be committed to the Common Jail of the County of Middlesex for any term not exceeding six months.

12th—That this By-Law shall be a substitute for and in lieu of By-Law No. 87, of this County, and that the By-Law No. 87, of this Corporation, passed on the 7th day of December, A.D., 1860, be and the same is hereby repealed.

JAS. KEEFER,

COUNTY CLERK.

THOS. MOYLE,

WARDEN.

Subscribed that the foregoing is a true copy of By-Law No 163 of the County of Middlesex as amended by By-Law No 218 of the said County
Edmund Keefe
County Clerk